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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAD LEARNED THAT F.I. DOLGIKH, CHIEF OF MAIN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION, IS PLANNING TO BE IN U.S. IN SEPTEMBER. RECOMMEND DEPT, IREX COMBINE EFFORTS TO ASSURE DOLGIKH GETS MESSAGE RE IMPORTANCE OF ARCHIVAL ACCESS TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGES. SUGGEST DEPT CONSIDER AWARDED DOLGIKH PARTIAL GRANT. END SUMMARY.

2. FILIPP IVANOVICH DOLGIKH, CHIEF OF MAIN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF U.S.S.R., IS PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. DURING LAST TWO WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER FOR MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHIVES (ICA), OF WHICH HE IS CURRENT PRESIDENT. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, VISIT OFFERS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IREX, SCHOLARS, LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS, ARCHIVISTS, AND DEPT OFFICIALS TO IMPRESS

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ON DOLGIKH IMPORTANCE OF ARCHIVAL ACCESS QUESTION TO

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM. EMB AWARE IREX ARRANGED EARLIER VISIT FOR DOLGIKH BUT OUR VIEW IS THAT RENEWED EFFORT WITH HIM IN CONNECTION WITH THIS VISIT WOULD NOT BE REDUNANT.

3. IT MIGHT SUFFICE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS IN ICA SESSION TO RAISE MATTER INFORMALLY WITH DOLGIKH DURING GATHERING AND RELATED EVENTS, BUT WE SUSPECT THOSE PRESENT WILL BE PRIMARILY ARCHIVAL PROFESSIONALS AND NOT SCHOLARS WHO USE ARCHIVES. DR. JAMES B. RHOADES, ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON WHO WILL PARTICPATE IN ICA MEETING.

4. SUGGEST IREX, PERHAPS TOGETHER WITH KENNAN INSTITUTE, ARRANGE FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM OFFICIALS AND SCHOLARS TO PRESENT DOLGIKH COGENT, DETAILED REVIEW(S) OF THEIR ARCHIVAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS AS COMPARED TO WHAT THEY RECEIVED, WITH EMPHASIS ON HOW LACK OF ACCESS EFFECTED RESULTS OF RESEARCH. THIS COULD EITHER BE DONE BY ARRANGING WASHINGTON-AREA GATHERING IMMEDIATELY AFTER ICA CONFERENCE OR BY ARRANGING FOR DOLGIKH TO VISIT SEVERAL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES IN ADDITION TO IREX IN NEW YORK. A MEETING IN DEPT WITH CU OFFICERS ALSO RECOMMENDED. SUGGEST PREPARATION OF COMPENDIUM OF RECENT ARTICLES, ETC. (SEE PARA 6 REF B) WITH TRANSLATIONS BE GIVEN DOLGIKH FOR HIS REVIEW IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSIONS.

5. SUGGEST DEPT CONSIDER GIVING DOLGIKH PARTIAL GRANT TO COVER INTERNAL TRAVEL TO VISIT UNIVERSITIES FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS. DURING VISITS DOLGIKH SHOULD ALSO BE OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUR UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES TO OBSERVE TECHNIQUES AND SERVICES. EMB AWARE DOLGIKH WOULD SPECIFICALLY LIKE TO SEE NEW YORK TIMES ARCHIVES. SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR GENERAL FAMILIARIZATION WITH U.S. CULTURE AND SOCIETY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO BE BENEFICIAL, ALTHOUGH DOLGIKH IS KNOWN TO BE ALL BUSINESS WITH LITTLE TIME FOR ACTIVITIES NOT RELATED TO HIS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

6. UNDERSTAND FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH PROF. PATRICIAGRIMSTED THAT DOLGIKH CURRENTLY IS WORKING WITH RHOADES OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES ON DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF ARCHIVAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATERIALS. THIS APPARENTLY WOULD BE PARALLEL WITH AND UNCONNECTED TO KENNAN INSTITUTE-ACADEMY OF SCIENCES EXCHANGE DISCUSSED BY FRED STARR. RHOADES COULD THEREFORE BY VERY VALUABLE TO EFFORTS TO GET DOLGIKH TO FOCUS ON NEED FOR IMPROVED ACCESS. SUGGEST DEPT CONSULT WITH IREX, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND KENNAN INSTITUTE AND ADVISE ON PROSPECTS FOR PROGRAM PROPOSED ABOVE. GRIMSTED HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WITH DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM. ADVISE.

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